



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the June 12, 2017, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present:

Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer; Lori Curtis, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: Pete Woll, Vice-Chairman. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Cynthia Ingelfinger and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; John Gangemi; Chris Becker; Dan Nelson; John Powell; Robert Dills; Bob Love; Clint M. Brown; Rebecca Norton; Bret Taylor.

MINUTES

Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: The final draft of the revised Montana State Noxious Weed Management Plan (58 pages) is available for review at <http://agr.mt.gov/Weeds>- see Forms and Files draft at the bottom of the page. MT Dept. of Agriculture will be taking suggested edits until June 9th.
2. Email: May 24 issue of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDM) *The Montana Conservationist* <http://swcdm.org>
3. Email: Summer issue of Custer County Conservation District newsletter *Conservation Update* <http://www.custercountyconservationdistrict.org>
4. Email: "Open the Gate" Workshop, June 22, Wibaux County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, Wibaux, MT. Contact 406-796-2211, Ext. 106 or 701-872-4551, Ext. 3
5. Email: The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation and Innovation program is accepting grant applications for habitat restoration, water and biodiversity conservation, and innovative conservation projects until June 29. <http://www.nfwf.org/spirit/Pages/spirit2017rfp.aspx>
6. Email: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District is announcing the relocation of the Billings Regulatory Office, effective May 16, 2017.
LINK TO ANNOUNCEMENT:



- http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Portals/23/docs/regulatory/MT/gen/SPECIAL_PUBLIC_NOTICE_BILLINGS-16MAY2017.pdf?ver=2017-05-16-112325-057
7. Montana Watershed Coordination Council 2016 Annual Report.
www.mtwatersheds.org
 8. Email: Gallatin Conservation District June 2017 newsletter *Conservation Journal*
<http://www.gallatincd.org>
 9. Email: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks still has openings for seasonal employees to help run Aquatic Invasive Species decontamination and inspection stations at Fort Peck, Culbertson, Wibaux and Tongue River. To apply or receive more information, contact Zach Crete at 406-444-5383, zcrete@mt.gov; or Landon Holte at 406-230-1746, lholt@mt.gov.
 10. Email: Liberty County Conservation District May 2017 newsletter *Liberty County News* 406-759-5128, Ext. 102
 11. Email: MSU Extension Invasive Rangeland weed information
http://msuinvasiveplants.org/extension/monthly_weed_post.html
 12. Email: The Montana Mesonet, implemented by the Montana Climate Office, is under development as a high density climate and soil moisture monitoring network. The purpose of the Mesonet is to support adaptive management of agricultural lands, rangelands, and natural ecosystems with the aim of building resilient and sustainable economic and ecological systems. The full report can be accessed at: [Montana Mesonet Progress Report June 2017](#). Contact: Kevin Hyde, Montana Mesonet Coordinator, Missoula, (406) 546-2109
 13. Email: Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) and Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) May Monthly Report, and the draft MACD Process document which will be reviewed during the MACD Spring Board meeting. Contact Elena Evans eevans@macdnet.org
 14. Email: Downs Farm/Ranch Field Day, June 22, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 259 Big Wall Road, Roundup, MT. Contact Ricky or Stephanie Downs 406-323-1568, or Donna Pedrazzi, Lower Musselshell Conservation District 406-323-2103, Ext. 101.
<https://lmcddistrict.com>
 15. Email: Rosebud & Big Horn Conservation Districts newsletter *Conservation Connection*. <https://www.rosebudcd.com>
 16. Email: SWCDM June 7, 2017 issue of *The Montana Conservationist*
www.swcdmi.org
 17. National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) conference, September 25-27, 2017, Lied Lodge, Nebraska City, NE.
www.conservationconference.com

FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Anders Business Solutions \$105.00
2. Byte Savvy \$145.00
3. Donald D. MacIntyre \$3000.00
4. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
5. Kimberley Kessler Michels \$5000.00
6. MontanaSky Networks \$40.93



7. Montana State Fund \$316.12
8. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56

Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rebecca Norton, 530 Scott Ave, Whitefish, spoke to the board about a bank slumping along Whitefish River. The bank has failed, a patio structure is slumping, and a crane was brought in to place sheet piling into the bank. She said she had contacted the district office, and learned she could file a complaint as there was no permit application listed under the landowner at that time.

Ron Buentemeier said he was contacted by Paul Wells, WMW Engineering, about the issue. He and Lori Curtis viewed the site, and discussed the options (Emergency process/310-permit) with Mr. Wells. Ron said due to the urgency of the problem the landowner could not wait 60 days to get a permit, so he is working under the Emergency process. Ron explained the Emergency process to Ms. Norton, and noted that the landowner could still have to go through the 310 permit process if there were any issues regarding the emergency work. (Flathead CD Adopted Rules, Rule 15).

EDUCATION GRANT: Denny Olson, Flathead Audubon Conservation Educator, presented a request to the board for an education grant. Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve the Flathead Audubon grant request for the Flathead River Riparian Forest and Bird Habitat Assessment Educational project in the amount of \$2069.00.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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BELL, FL2017017, Unnamed, bank stabilization/debris removal: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per Mark Siderius & Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEAULT FAMILY PROPERTIES, FL2017024, Mill Creek, irrigation structure: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 20, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

FH STOLTZE, FL2017023, Trumbull Creek, bridge: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GOODWIN, FL2017019C, Mill Creek tributary, complaint: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



HALE, FL2017009C, Swift Creek, complaint: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “this is not a violation.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. *Mark Siderius abstained from voting.*

J&J RANCH LLC, FL2017003C, Haskill Creek, complaint: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “there is no violation.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KELLEY, FL2016043C/FL2017002, Ashley Creek tributary, complaint: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “FL2015043C is a violation.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the after-the-fact application with modifications.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LASZEWSKI, FL2017013, Whitefish River, dock: Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to table pending further information.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LEWIS, FL2017012, Ashley Creek, culverts/bank stabilization: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MARION, FL2017021, Sanko Creek, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 27, 10:00 A.M. at the site.

MARSH, FL2017022, Wild Bill Creek, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 20, 3:30 P.M. at the site.

ORDWAY, FL2017020, Stillwater River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PACIFICORP, FL2017016, Swan River, ramp: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications which were submitted 6/2/2017.” Mark Sideirus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCUNIER, FL2017026, Flathead River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 20, 11:00 A.M. at the site.

TAYLOR, FL2017018, Idaho Creek, culvert: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek & Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TUDAHL, FL2017027, Flathead River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 20, 2:30 P.M. at the site.



WALTERS, FL2017025, Flathead River, fill/dock/road construction/well/utilities/residence: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 20, 1:30 P.M. at the site.

NEW BUSINESS

COST-SHARE PAYMENTS: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the remainder of FCD’s portion in the amount of \$1245 for the Jollymore project.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the partial payment for the Sibert project in amount of \$979.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve a one-year extension for FY 17/18 for the completion of the thinning work on the Sibert project.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- Budget Meeting, Thursday, July 13, 9:00 A.M.
- NW Montana Fair, August 17-20
- Editorial in Daily Interlake regarding DNRC funding grant applications
- Trumbull Creek culvert – this will be on the 6/26 meeting agenda
- Upper Columbia Conservation Commission

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Dean Sirucek made a motion “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>6/26/2017</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

